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M Sreeshankar in action at the Worlds on Friday


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## FINAL DESTINATION

**Two Indian athletes make the cut in World Championships in Eugene. In Singapore Open, multiple Olympic medallist PV Sindhu is on a roll**

### P V SINDHU

P V Sindhu eased past Japan's Saena Kawakami to reach her first World Tour 500 final of the season. She will face Wang Zhi Yi in the summit clash

**2 TITLES**

The Indian has won two World Tour 300s in 2022

### DECIDER IN MANCHESTER

India face the hosts in final ODI. After suffering a loss in the second, captain Rohit Sharma, who wants his batters to play positive, will be keen to win this. If they do, they will win both white-ball legs

### SREESHANKAR, SABLE SHINE ON DAY ONE

M Sreeshankar (men's long jump) and Avinash Sable (men's 3000m steeplechase) qualified for the final in their respective events on Day 1 of the World Championships in Eugene, Oregon. Sreeshankar's event will be held early on Sunday (India time), while Sable will run on Tuesday morning (India time) | P13

**8.36m**

SREESHANKAR'S PERSONAL BEST IS JOINT SECOND IN WORLD THIS SEASON


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### Terminate pregnancy of minor survivor: HC

Kochi: Kerala HC has allowed the medical termination of pregnancy of a 15-year-old rape survivor. The court said the neonate, if born alive, should be provided the best treatment. P5

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# DHANKHAR IS NDA'S PICK FOR VICE PREZ

## Jagdeep Dhankhar's life story reflects new India's spirit: BJP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

ENDING all speculation, the BJP on Saturday announced West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar as the vice presidential candidate of the ruling National Democratic Alliance.

The decision was taken at the BJP's parliamentary board meeting in Delhi on Saturday evening. Several names of potential candidates were doing the rounds, including that of former Union minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi. The move to choose Dhankhar, a Jat leader from Rajasthan, holds significance as the state goes to polls next year.

Jagdeep Dhankhar

The BJP said his life story reflects the spirit of new India - overcoming innumerable social and economic hurdles and achieving his goal. Dhankhar's election as vice president is almost a certainty as the BJP has majority in the electoral college comprising members of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha. He will also take over as Rajya Sabha chairman, where the BJP is still short of an absolute majority and has to depend on other parties to pass controversial legislative business. Dhankhar, 71, has been locked in a pitched battle with West Bengal Chief Mamata Banerjee since he took over as governor in July 2019. Notably, Mamata met Dhankhar two days ago at the governor's house in Darjeeling, where Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma was also present. Although Mamata termed the visit a courtesy call, political observers say it's significant.

After the announcement, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted, "He brings with him an illustrious legal, legislative and gubernatorial career. He has always worked for the well-being of farmers, youth, women, and the marginalised."

The CPM termed Dhankhar's candidature a reflection of under-the-table relations between the TMC and the BJP. State Congress president Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said Dhankhar was close to the BJP and that's why the saffron camp announced his name. Dhankhar was instrumental in getting OBC status for Jats in Rajasthan. An ex-president of the Rajasthan High Court Bar Association, he was an MP from Jhunjhunu during 1989-91, representing Janata Dal.

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Narendra Modi, PM

### TMC: No comments

The TMC chose to maintain silence over the development. "At present, we are not making any statement. Our party supremo Mamata Banerjee has convened a meeting on July 21 inviting all MPs to discuss party's plan of action regarding the Parliament session and V-P elections," said TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh

# Lankan parl starts process to elect new prez

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

SRI Lanka's Parliament held a special 13-minute session on Saturday to kick-start the process to elect a new president, with four contenders, including acting President Ranil Wickremesinghe joining the race to head the next government.

During the session, Dhammika Dassanayake, Secretary General of Parliament, announced the vacancy for the post of president after the resignation Rajapaksa. He informed the House that nominations for Presidency should be submitted to him on July 19.

Gotabaya Rajapaksa

"I served my motherland to the best of my ability," Gotabaya wrote in the letter sent from Singapore. Blaming the pandemic for the crisis, he said, "I was compelled to order lockdowns and the foreign exchange situation deteriorated," Gotabaya said.

He reached Singapore on Thursday. As he has not sought or been granted asylum in Singapore, he will have to leave within two weeks. There has been a growing speculation on where he will head next with Saudi Arabia emerging as a possible destination.

# Congress, BJP in war of words over Setalvad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Ahmedabad / New Delhi

A bitter war of words erupted between the Congress and the BJP on Saturday over the Gujarat Special Investigation Team (SIT) affidavit's claim that the grand old party gave ₹30 lakh to activist Teesta Setalvad in 2002 to destabilise the state government, then headed by Narendra Modi as chief minister.

According to the affidavit filed in the sessions court on Friday, Setalvad had entered into a larger conspiracy at the behest of late Congress leader Ahmed Patel to dismiss the BJP government in the state.

It added that she obtained illegal money and other benefits from the grand old party. P10

# Officials beware! Typos in Kannada may lead to pay cut

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

STATE government employees, beware! You may get a cut in your salary and even be denied promotion if you make typing errors or grammatical mistakes while drafting government orders or circulars in Kannada. The Kannada Development Authority (KDA) has made recommendations in this regard to the government.

On Friday, the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR) had issued an order prohibiting recording of videos and taking photographs inside government offices. After facing criticism, the government issued another order withdrawing its previous notification. But the new order copy of seven lines had seven glaring mistakes, in which the official made several grammatical mistakes including the word Karnataka. Speaking to TNSE, KDA Chairman TS Nagabharana said this is happening as the officials who are typing as well as issuing the notification or order do not take the language seriously. P4

### Order on photography ban in govt offices withdrawn

Following criticism from various quarters, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday directed that the order banning photography and videography inside goverment offices, issued on Friday, be revoked. P4

# Messiah with coracle ferries rain-hit families

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

HEAVY rain and floods in Cauvery river have cut off 25 families of a private layout in Srirangapatna from the rest of the town for the last one week.

Rising to the occasion, Mujahid Pasha, who runs a chicken stall near Wellesly Bridge, came as a messiah for the affected families.

Pasha, 40, uses his coracle to ferry stranded families and their children in his own humble way, free of cost.

Pasha had purchased the coracle for ₹6,000 and used it for fishing in Cauvery.

He now uses it to deliver food and other essential items to families and to take students to schools as the river is flowing above the danger mark with irrigation officials releasing 80,000 cusecs of water.

Mujahid Pasha, who runs a chicken stall, helps people cross a flooded layout on his coracle, free of cost, in Srirangapatna on Saturday | UDAYASHANKAR S

Office-goers and children use his services, while people with illness call Pasha before taking an appointment with doctors. Many who have constructed houses in the layout had no problem all these years. P5

**When I heard that the bridge connecting the layout has collapsed and people were cut off from the mainland, I decided to help them using my coracle. I make eight to 10 trips from the pump house to the layout to help schoolchildren and office-goers reach their homes safely**

Mujahid Pasha

# Karnataka prisoners' wages may double

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Prisons Development Authority (KPDA) has proposed to increase the minimum wages of prisoners in the state. If the recommendations are accepted, the new wages will be as per the Karnataka Minimum Wage guidelines. At present, prisoners get around Rs 8,000 per month and under revised minimum wages, their monthly income will be around Rs 14,000.

The KPDA members held a meeting on Saturday. Speaking to reporters, Home Minister Araga Jnanendra said a report has been submitted to the finance department, which will release ₹7 crore annually as wages to prisoners. He pointed out that the new wages will be based on the work done by prisoners. P2

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